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To My Church Family and Friends,

As we are getting into the spring season, we see the landscape coming alive: The daffodils and other spring flowers have sprung up seemingly overnight. Trees budding, birds singing, and the warmth of the sunshine are all wonderful gifts from God that can help us to combat all the ugliness in our world. Let us be forever thankful to Him for the beauty of His creation.

I am also thankful for the beauty of our fellowship here at Austin Grove. The support that the Deacons and Pastor Search Committee have received and are continuing to receive is a testament to that love and fellowship that is evident every time we meet. I know that they are all very thankful for the kind words of encouragement and especially for your constant prayers.

Our Pastor Search Committee has put an emphasis on prayer from day one. They presented us with "40 Days of Prayer". Each day had a specific focus and a scripture passage to read. That has been followed by a weekly prayer emphasis with scripture that is in our bulletin each week.

Thank you for uniting with your brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer for our church. We will never become a Great Commission church in our own strength. It takes the power of God. And power is not simply a prelude; it is the essential catalyst of a Great Commission church. It is amazing what God will do when His people are obedient and committed!

THE BASICS OF PRAYER

- P** **Praise: Worship the Lord as you pray.**

- R** **Repent: Return to the Lord as you pray.**

- A** **Ask: Pray with passion and patience.**

- Y** **Yield: Surrender all to Jesus as you pray.**

I thank you all for your faithfulness. Roger James



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Amanda Griffin
- 2 Addison Paige Jordan
- 4 Jacob Collins, Johnathan Hargette
- 5 Shelby Hutson, Wendy Phifer
- 6 Elijah Crowe
- 7 Charles McRae, Phyllis Simpson
- 8 Emma Griffin, Michael Knight
- 9 Linda A. Edwards, Melissa A. Smith, Clinton Oster
- 10 Linda G. Edwards, Tanner Griffin, Jay Walker
- 14 Frances Knight
- 15 Reagan Mullis
- 17 Danny Phifer
- 18 Ayla Dermid, Joey Estridge
- 19 Madalyn Zambarda White
- 20 MacKenzie Newsome
- 22 Colton Whitley
- 24 Jessica Hilton, Maddison Hilton, Murphy Gordon
- 25 J. Ronald Edwards, Abby Graham, Andy Graham
- 27 Kelcey Griffin
- 28 Helen Elizabeth Hilton
- 29 Kathy Starnes
- 30 Dakota Riggins Norris, Dalton Riggins

MAY FIRST WEEK HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Susette Kimrey, Alyssa Napier
- 2 Matthew Austin Hilton
- 3 Carlos Figueroa, Mott Simpson
- 5 Dale Frankenberg, Joe Little
- 7 Penny Edwards



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Griffin
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Knight
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jordan
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Gil Collins
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Teddy Griffin

NO MAY FIRST WEEK ANNIVERSARIES

We will receive the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering through the end of April.

April issues of *Mature Living*, *Home Life*, *Open Windows*, and *Our Daily Bread* are in the vestibule and Sunday School classes for pick up. Please see Roger Haigler to update the number of each your class needs. Thank you.



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓ ↓ ___
2. H → ↑ → ___
3. V ↑ → ↓ ___
4. I ← ← ↑ ___
5. T ↑ ← ↑ ___
6. P ↑ → → ↓ ___
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓ ___
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ← ___



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

_____ into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth



Hope is Alive



NURSERY SCHEDULE

April 6th: Carter & Laura Dermid

April 13th: Sandra Helms

April 20th: Barbara Simpson & Madison Stancill

April 27th: Kathy Starnes & Baylee Jordan

May 4th: Beverly Napier



April 6th: Julia & David Godwin

April 13th: Cindy Whitley & Kelcey Griffin

April 20th: Janel Griffin & Roger Haigler

April 27th: Debbie & Baylee Jordan

May 4th: Barbara Simpson & Carolyn Smith



FOOD MINISTRY

APRIL FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS

Thank you for your contributions to helping feed the children in our community.

April 6th: Can of pasta - such as ravioli, spaghetti, or lasagna.

April 13th: Pack of ramen noodles

April 20th: Box of individual snacks - such as oatmeal cream cakes, Swiss rolls (the kind of snack doesn't matter, just so they are individually wrapped.)

April 27th: 15 oz. can of vegetables: green beans, corn, peas.

May 4th: Box of individual packs of grits or oatmeal.

Thank you!! Your donations help so much.
Brenda Walker

2025 FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS

REMINDER...If you or your Sunday School Class wants to use the Fellowship Hall, please be sure to schedule with Sheri. Thank you.

Fellowship Hall Clean Up:

Prophecy Class

Western NC Needs

See list posted on the bulletin board. Thank you.



Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 23rd

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Thursday, June 26th

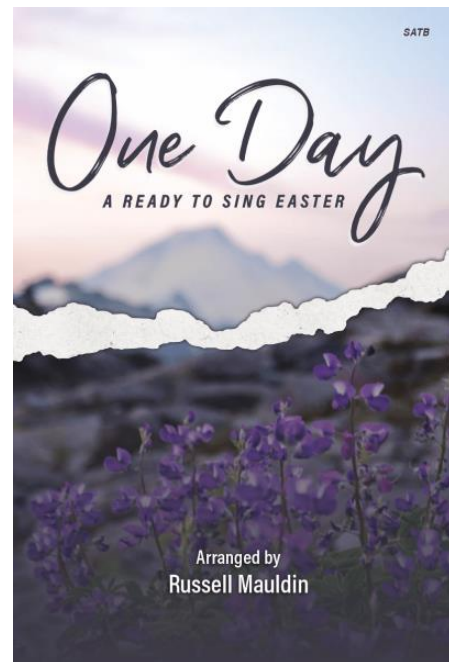
Times to be determined.

You can now register online at:

<https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/2b9147c7-bdba-410e-bc99-c408ff21698f>



Sunday, April 13th



Easter Cantata

Sunday, April 13th

10:45 a.m.



Sunday, April 6th after Worship

We are changing things up a bit this year from our traditional Easter Egg Hunt. We would like each Children's Ministry family to invite a family with children to our Friends' Easter-Nic as an outreach for the church. We will have an indoor picnic lunch and a different kind of egg hunt along with candy treat bags. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Questions? See Barbara Simpson or Tracey Stancill. Thank you.

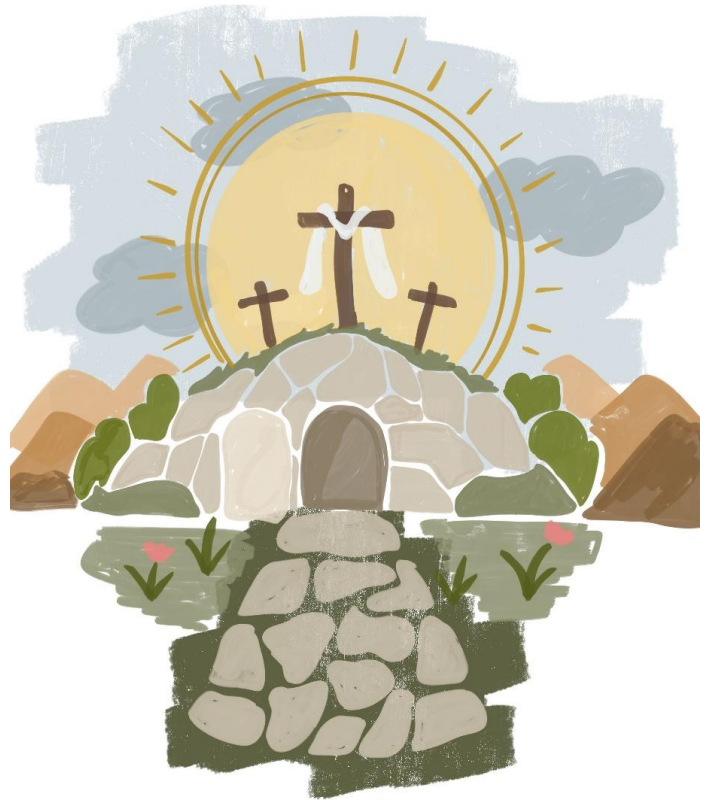
Online Giving

EasyTithe is changing its name to Amplify! As a church committed to stewardship, we've embraced this change because Amplify offers lower costs and higher security for our community. If you currently have an online giving account, please be prepared to update your password as part of these enhanced security measures. Rest assured, all other aspects of your giving experience will remain the same. We thank you for your continued generosity and support! If you need any help or have further questions, please contact Sheri in the church office at 704-624-2929. Thank you for your faithful giving.



Churchwide Project for Samaritan's Purse

The children and youth are asking for your help by donating items each month for their Shoebox Mission Project/Packing Party that will take place later this year. 😊 For the month of April they are again collecting pens, pencils, sticky notes, colored pencils, crayons, stickers, markers, and coloring books. Please leave items in the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Godwin.



Joy Comes in the Morning: Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20th

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

7:15 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Worship